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*Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant
application filed on or after June 8, 1995.*

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

Application No. 09/454,755

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Submissions Included:
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TOTAL CLAIMS	30	MINUS	27	3	X \$18		54.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	9	MINUS	3	6	X \$86		516.00
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